IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/768,991

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO RECEIVE BONE SCREWS

(As Amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 19, 24, 26, 29, 39, 42, 44, 47, 57, 60, 62, 65, 76, 79,

81, 84, 95, 98, 100, 103, 114, and 117 (with changes as shown in the attachment) as

follows:

. (Twice amended) A spinal implant for insertion at least in part across at least the

height of a disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, said

implant comprising:

opposed upper and lower surfaces adapted to be placed toward and in contact

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